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## Office of Legislative Counsel

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1. The GSA cost estimate on the CIA building, concurred in by Harrison and Abramovitz, indicated that it would be impossible to construct a building for \$46,000,000, even on the most austere basis, which would

After a conference with Mr. Houston, - Mr. Chandler, Col. Grogan and Mr. Paul, Col. White recommended to the Director that we concentrate our efforts this year in raising our authorization ceiling for the building, and seek funds only for roads and other appurtenances short of actual building construction. The Director did not accept this recommendation, and indicated that he wanted to proceed for the full \$46,000,000, at the same time informing the Committees that it would probably not be sufficient to meet our entire need.

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2. The Director discussed with Messrs. Goodpaster and Morgan of the White House the problem of the release of any part of his testimony before the Symington Subcommittee. I delivered a copy of the sanitized transcript to Mr. Morgan for his information and any informal views he might have as to how we should proceed. It was expressly stated by the Director that he was not seeking any formal White House clearance on a course of action.

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